I claim:

- 1 1. A winding comprising:
- 2 at least two poles, and
- 3 at least one phase by which the poles are wound and which has at least two parallel
- 4 paths,
- 5 wherein at least two of the paths differ from one another in the winding of at least
- 6 one of the poles,
- 7 wherein at least one pole is wound by at least two paths,
- 8 wherein at least one of the paths is involved in the winding of at least two poles,
- 9 and
- 10 wherein the poles are wound by the paths so as to produce an essentially
- symmetrical electric loading of the phase.
- 1 2. The winding according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the windings of the at least one pole which are assigned to the paths, differ
- 3 from one another in respect of the turns counts.
- 1 3. The winding according to Claim 2,
- 2 wherein the sum of the turns counts of all the paths is essentially the same for each
- 3 pole.
- 1 4. The winding according to Claim 2,
- 2 wherein at least one of the paths winds at least one of the poles more lightly than
- 3 the remaining poles.

- 1 5. The winding according to Claim 4, further comprising:
- 2 2 x p poles forming p pole pairs, and
- 3 p paths,
- 4 wherein the windings of the poles by the paths differ from one another in that each
- 5 path is in each case more lightly involved in the winding of each pole pair than the
- 6 remaining paths.
- 1 6. The winding according to Claim 4, further comprising:
- 2 2 x p poles, and
- $3 2 \times p$ paths,
- 4 wherein the windings of the poles by the paths differ from one another in that each
- 5 path winds two adjacent poles more lightly than the remaining poles, each pole
- being more lightly wound by two paths than by the remaining paths and a pole
- 7 adjacent to said pole being differently wound by the two paths.
- 1 7. The winding according to Claim 2,
- 2 wherein at least one of the paths winds at least one of the poles more heavily than
- 3 the remaining poles.
- 1 8. The winding according to Claim 7, further comprising:
- 2 2 x p poles forming p pole pairs, and
- 3 p paths,
- 4 wherein the windings of the poles by the paths differ from one another in that each
- 5 path winds one pole pair more heavily than the remaining paths.

- 1 9. The winding according to Claim 7, further comprising:
- 2 2 x p poles, and
- $3 2 \times p$ paths,
- 4 wherein the windings of the poles by the paths differ from one another in that each
- 5 path winds two adjacent poles more heavily than the remaining poles, each pole
- 6 being more heavily wound by two paths than by the remaining paths and a pole
- 7 adjacent to said pole being differently wound by the two paths.
- 1 10. The winding according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the winding of the at least one pole is formed by at least two slot coils, and
- 3 wherein the windings of the at least one pole which are assigned to the paths, differ
- from one another in respect of the turns counts of the slot coils of the pole.
- 1 11. The winding according to Claim 10,
- 2 wherein the sum of the turns counts of all the paths is the same for each slot coil of
- 3 the pole of which there is at least one.
- 1 12. The winding according to Claim 10,
- 2 wherein the turns counts of the paths are the same for the pole of which there is at
- 3 least one.
- 1 13. The winding according to Claim 10,
- 2 wherein each path has at least two sub-sections,
- 3 wherein each sub-section winds each pole with half a turn, and
- 4 wherein each sub-section is involved to the extent of no more than half turn in the
- 5 winding of the same slot coil.

- 1 14. The winding according to Claim 11, further comprising:
- 2 two paths,
- 3 wherein each path has three sub-sections,
- 4 wherein each pole is formed by two slot coils, and
- 5 wherein each slot coil is wound by two sub-sections of one of the paths and by one
- 6 sub-section of another of the paths.
- 1 15. The winding according to Claim 11, further comprising:
- 2 two paths,
- 3 wherein each pole is formed by two slot coils, and
- 4 wherein each path winds only one slot coil of each pole.
- 1 16. The winding according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the poles are disposed evenly along a self-contained line.
- 1 17. The winding according to Claim 1,
- 2 which is implemented as a rotating field winding.
- 1 18. The winding according to Claim 1,
- 2 which has slots in which the paths are laid.
- 1 19. The winding according to Claim 18,
- 2 which has a number of slots per pole per phase that is a positive integer.

- 1 20. A winding comprising:
- 2 2 x p poles forming p pole pairs, and
- 3 at least one phase by which the poles are wound and which has p parallel paths,
- 4 wherein at least two of the paths differ from one another in the winding of at least
- 5 one of the poles,
- 6 wherein at least one pole is wound by at least two paths,
- 7 wherein at least one of the paths is involved in the winding of at least two poles,
- 8 wherein the poles are wound by the paths so as to produce an essentially
- 9 symmetrical electric loading of the phase,
- 10 wherein the windings of the at least one pole which are assigned to the paths, differ
- from one another in respect of the turns counts,
- wherein at least one of the paths winds at least one of the poles more lightly than
- the remaining poles, and
- wherein the windings of the poles by the paths differ from one another in that each
- path is in each case more lightly involved in the winding of each pole pair than the
- remaining paths.